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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Firka Development Department.

Memorandum No. 2752-49-3,F.D. dated 6.4.1949.

Sub:- Hindu Religious Endowment - Administration by the Hindu Religious Endowment Board - Certain suggestions.

The Government observe that even after 24 years of administration of the affairs of Religious Institutions by the Hindu Religious Endowment Board there are yet several defects which need rectification. The Registers of properties and jewels under sections 38 and 39 of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowment Act are not maintained properly and brought up-to-date in many cases. The President should pay personal attention to this matter and see that these registers are correctly and efficiently maintained by providing, if necessary, a system of supervision over this item of work.

In the matter of appointment of Executive Officers to Religious Institutions, proper care should be taken to select the right type of persons. Only those possessing devotion to duty and pitely (Shradda and Bhakti) should be appointed. The temple precincts and structures should be kept always neat and tidy by arranging for their periodical cleaning. Provision should be made for the renovation of temples; otherwise, the temples are apt to fall into a State of disrepair.

Cases are not wanting where ~~Pridden~~ Priests who do not possess adequate knowledge of the Agamas are required to carry on pujas in temples and where Priests and Archakas employ deputies on their behalf to carry on their duties. Properly trained and suitable persons who according to the Sastras are considered qualified to perform pujas in the temples should alone be employed and if necessary, the question of training the necessary personnel should be considered. So also training must be given for Oduvars to chant Thevaram and also Prabhandakar. 'Silpis' should be given training in silpa Shastra and temple musicians regular lessons in music.

As regards the diversion of surplus funds, it would be desirable to set apart such funds for the opening and running of Colleges, Orphanages, Dispensaries and Pasumatams. A portion of these surplus funds can with advantage be earmarked for the publication of unpublished manuscripts on Religion, literature and Art, etc. Surplus funds of individual institutions may not be sufficient to start big schemes like the opening of Regional Colleges, Orphanages and Medical Institutions, but if the surplus of all institutions are pooled together, the above schemes can be undertaken with ease.

The President, Hindu Religious Endowment Board is requested to consider the above points and to see how best they can be implemented. Wherever any amendment to the Bill now under consideration may be necessary in this regard, necessary proposals for such amendments should be submitted to Government.

M.S. Jagannayakulu,
Secretary to Government.

To

The President, Hindu Religious Endowment Board, Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Firka Development Department.

Memorandum No. 2752/49-4.F.D. dated 11.5.1949.

Sub:- Hindu Religious Endowment - Administration by the Hindu Religious Endowment Board - Certain suggestions.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 2752/49/3/F.D. dated 6.4.49.

The attention of the President, Hindu Religious Endowment Board is invited to the Government Memorandum cited and he is requested to state whether ~~it~~ to implement the various suggestions mentioned therein, any amendments are necessary to the Hindu Religious/Endowment Bill, 1949, and if so, to expedite proposals in this regard. This reference should be treated as very urgent as the Joint Select Committee constituted to consider the Bill is going to commence its work very soon.

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M.S. Jagannayakulu,
Secretary to Government.

To

The President, ~~D~~ Hindu Religious Endowment Board, Madras.

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Copy of letter No. 48071/49-1/Gnl. dated 18.5.1949 from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Firka Development Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Sub:- Hindu Religious Endowments - Administration by the Board - Certain suggestions.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 2752/F.D.(V)/49-3 dated 6.4.1949.
Government Memorandum No. 2752/F.D.(V)/49-4 dated 11.5.1949.

With reference to the last paragraph of the first Government Memorandum referred to above, I am to say that no amendment is necessary to the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill, 1949, The objects of the memorandum can be achieved and the suggestions therein implemented under the provisions of the said Bill itself.

The proper maintenance of Registers of Properties can be ensured by compelling trustees, under treat of removal under clause 32 of imposition of penalty under clause 80 of the Bill to carry out their statutory obligations.

With regard to appointment of proper persons as Executive Officers, suitable provision may be made in the rules to be framed under clause 86(2)(v) of the Bill.

For keeping the precincts of temples clean, no provision in the Bill is necessary. The repairs and renovation of temples as and when necessary can be secured by making suitable provision in the rules to be framed under Clause 86(2) (m) and (n) of the Bill.

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It is with the object of ensuring that properly qualified persons are employed as archakas, provision has been made in clause 86(2)(s) of the Bill for the making of rules relating to the qualifications of hereditary and non-hereditary servants and their conditions of service. The provision in clause 86(2)(p) has been made with the object of framing rules for the training of archakas.

The pooling of the subscriptions from the surplus funds of individual institutions for the support of big schemes can be made by an order under clause ⅞ 45 of the Bill.

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FIRKA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Please see the letter from the President on pages 23-24 c.f. The President states that to implement the various suggestions contained in the Government Memorandum on pages 19-20 c.f., no amendment is necessary to the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Bill and that these suggestions can be implemented under the existing provision of the Bill itself. No further action seems called for in the file. The papers may be recorded for further reference.

M.S.J.
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G.O. Ms. No. 530 dated 8.6.1949.

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